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LOME, TOGO, JUNE 8, REUTER - A TEAM OF AFRICAN JUDGES APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE ACCUSATIONS THAT CHILDREN WERE MASSACRED LAST APRIL IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE WILL ARRIVE IN ITS CAPITAL OF BANGUI BY WEDNESDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

IVORY COAST PRESIDENT FELIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER A PRIVATE MEETING WITH CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPEROR BOKASSA DURING A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN LEADERS IN TOGO'S CAPITAL.

FRENCH TELEVISION LAST NIGHT SHOWED INTERVIEWS FILMED IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE IN WHICH EMPEROR BOKASSA WAS ACCUSED OF PERSONALLY TAKING PART IN THE ALLEGED MASSACRE.

ONE CENTRAL AFRICAN, HIS FACE MASKED, TOLD THE INTERVIEWER: "A SCHOOLBOY SAID: 'BOKASSA YOU ARE GOING TO DIE, TOO.' THE EMPEROR TOOK OUT HIS REVOLVER AND SHOT AT HIM.... HE KILLED QUITE A FEW. SO, HE ORDERED HIS OFFICERS TO DO THE SAME, SAYING ALL OF US MUST BE ELIMINATED."

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